

"My brother doesn't do mean things," said the other girl promptly enough.

That was all I heard, but what a pleasant picture it gave me of a home where the brother never did mean things, and where the sister was loyal enough to defend him from unjust criticism. And what a happy mother there must be in that home where the children love each other in their deeds.

CHILD FANCIES

A little girl was walking with her mother one day when they saw in the grass the first dandelion of the spring. "Run, pick it up," said the mother. The child ran, but presently came back without it. "Where is the dandelion?" asked the mother. "Oh!" answered the child, "it looked right at me and said, 'Please, little Helen, don't pick me. I want to stay here in the grass.'"

Toil and Triumph

The sweetest cherries, mind you, lad
Grow highest on the tree;
And would you win the fairest fruit,
One thing I'll say to thee:
It falls not at the clinking gay
Of any idler's pelf—
You'll have to climb the rugged tree,
And gather for yourself.

'Tis vain to wait the fruit to fall,
Or pelt the tree with stones—
You'll have to struggle bravely up,
And risk some broken bones;
You only waste your time below,
And get indifferent pay;
If you would reach the ripest fruit,
Just throw your fears away.

'Tis so with everything in life
That's worth the owning, lad—
With learning, wealth and character—
The best, the good and great have had:
They come not at the nod or 'hest
Of an idle hand,
'Tis only those who bravely toil
May have them at command.

If, then, you want the ripest fruit,
Just labor till you win;
But mind thee, boy, while up you climb,
Keep heart and hand from sin;
The best and grandest guerdon, lad,
If bought with wicked wage,
No peace or comfort yields at last,
But curses on your age.

—Selected.

The Little People

JUNIOR LESSON FOR JULY 17

Christianity.—Acts 17:22-31

Dear Boys and Girls:—The subject of this lesson is, Christianity compared with other religions. Perhaps you did not know that there are other religions in the world besides the religion of Jesus. But there are, and in fact a great many. Now we will not try to teach you anything about these different religions; it is not necessary that you should know anything about them just now, later you will learn about such things. We will, however, tell you a few things about the religion of Christ that other religions do not have.

1. First of all we call the religion of Christ *Christianity*, because Jesus is the founder of it. He came into the world and taught the people, and finally died on the cross, was buried, rose from the dead, and returned to the Father. Now all those people who follow Jesus are Christians, and all Christians have for their religion Christianity. Can you understand that?

2. The religion of Jesus or Christianity is the only religion that speaks of a cross. The founders of other religions did not die on the cross as Jesus did. To those who follow Jesus the cross means sacrifice, service, love and consecration. Others despise the cross; they do not understand how any thing glorious can come from the cross.

3. Another thing you want to learn about our religion. It rests on the resurrection of its founder, the Lord Jesus. Jesus rose from the dead. That can not be said of the founder of an other religion. This is what gives the Christian hope. He knows that because Jesus rose from the dead, he will rise too sometime. So when we place our dear dead into the grave, we feel that we shall see them again sometime.

4. One of the things in which you as boys and girls are most interested is that the religion of Jesus makes little children precious. The gods of other religions destroy children. Some people throw their children into a fire and burn them because they think their gods are angry and by doing that they will get their favor. Others throw them into the river and drown them to please their gods. Just think what their religion makes them do. But not so the religion of Jesus. Do you remember how Jesus loved children? He loves them yet. He took them up in his arms and blest them. You ought to be very thankful for the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ, for all the good things which you enjoy are from him. Have you a good mamma and papa? Jesus gave them to you. Have you kind sisters and brothers? They are the gift of Jesus. Surely all the boys and girls who study this lesson will love and obey Jesus.

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Friend:—You want to know something about our little Juniors. I am but a little Junior and this is my first letter. We meet every Sunday at three P. M. We had a taffy party the 25th of May and had 50 children present, cleared \$1.30 for an organ which we are trying to get. Any one wishing to donate the Juniors any money towards an organ please send it to Francies Barth, 1182 W. Taylor Street. Coming home from the Juniors last Sunday I was giving out announcements and handed one to an old lady (with white hair) she looked indignant but she took one. She said, "This is the Christian church." I replied, "No, ma'am, it is the Mission at 384 S. Western Ave." Still she insisted that it was the Christian church at the corner of Jackson Boul. and Western Ave. I said "No ma'am." Looking at the announcement that I had given her she asked

"What are you?" And I answered, "Protestant" because there are so many Catholics here. Then she said, "What denomination are you?" and I said "The Brethren" and she said, "Yes, but what denomination are you?" She repeated this over two or three times. I could only look at her for a moment, for our pastor (Sister Gibbons) was coming just behind us. She said, "You had better learn your lesson when you go out so when you are asked a question you know what to say to them." Then she asked me who gave me them and I said this lady, Sister Gibbons. Then she asked her the same question, "Who are you?" She said the child answered right, it is the Brethren church. She did not seem so haughty then. Sister Gibbons kindly invited her to come and get acquainted with us. She said she would if she had time.

Yours truly,

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"Great I and Little You"

Reformed Church Messenger.

"How do you like that little new neighbor of yours?" asked Herbert Green's big brother Wallace, who had seen the two little boys playing in the yard.

"O, you mean Georgie Worthman?" said Herbie. "Why, I don't know. I like him, and I don't like him."

Wallace laughed. "Then you quarrel a little sometimes," said he. "Is that it?"

"No, we don't quarrel," said Herbie. "I don't let him know when I am mad with him."

"What does he do to make you mad with him?" asked Wallace.

"O, he says things," said Herbie.

"Such as what?"

"Well, he looks at my marbles, and says, 'is that all you've got? I have five times as many as that—splendid ones, too. They'd knock those all to smash.'"

"Ah, I see!" said Wallace. "It is a clear case of 'great I and little you.'"

"What do you mean by that?" asked Herbie.

"Well, if you don't find out by Saturday night, I'll tell you," said Wallace. This was on Monday.

On Wednesday afternoon Herbie was out at play, and presently Georgie Worthman came out. Wallace was in his room reading, with the windows open, and could hear all that was said.

Georgie brought his kite with him, and asked Herbie if he would go to the common with him to fly his kite.

"O, yes, if mother is willing," said Herbie. "But where did you get that kite?—made it yourself, didn't you? I've got one ever so much bigger than that, with yards, and yards of tail, and when we let it out, it goes out of sight quick, now I can tell you."

"That isn't the best I can make," said Georgie; "but if I had a bigger one, I